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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5742

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY PANAMA

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENERG, CS

SUBJECT: LACSA FUEL PROBLEM

REF: (A) STATE 240827

(B) STATE 240551

(C) SAN JOSE 4335

1. MINISTER OF ECONOMY, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE
KOGAN DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON DECEMBER 11
ALLUDED TO LACSA FUEL PROBLEM IN FOLLOWING TERMS: "THE
LACSA FUEL PROBLEM IS VERY BAD AND SOMETHING FUNNY IS
GOING ON. PRESIDENT FIGUERES JUST TOLD ME THE STATE
DEPARTMENT SAID LACSA WOULD HAVE TO TAKE A 50 PERCENT
CUT IN ITS JET FUEL, FOLLOWED BY AN ADDITIONAL 15 PERCENT LATER
ON." CIRCUMSTANCES DID NOT PERMIT DETAILED DISCUSSION OF
KOGAN'S ALLEGATION ALTHOUGH EMBOFF DID NOTE THAT JET FUEL
WAS IN SHORT SUPPLY, ALL AIRLINES ARE SUFFERING, AND
USG WAS INTERESTED IN EQUAL TREATMENT OF ALL AIRLINES.

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2. COMMENT: KOGAN MAY HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO THE 49 PERCENT TEXACO BONDED FUEL CUT MENTIONED IN REFERENCE A AND POSSIBLY THE DOMESTIC ORIGIN FUEL ALLOCATIONS MENTIONED IN REFERENCE B. AT ANY RATE, REFERENCE A INDICATES THAT AMBASSADOR LOPEZ AND NOT RPT NOT THE DEPARTMENT BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF THE PERCENTAGE CUT THAT LACSA HAD SUSTAINED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO GO BACK TO KOGAN TO EXPLAIN EXACTLY WHAT THE DEPARTMENT'S ROLE IS AND WHAT WAS SAID TO AMBASSADOR LOPEZ. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES WHICH DEPARTMENT THINKS MIGHT BE USEFUL ON THIS SPECIFIC MATTER. DOES DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY INDEPENDENT INFORMATION ON TRUE LACSA SITUATION? INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFERENCE C WAS BASED ON REPORTS OF LACSA AND LOCAL PANAM MANAGER AND LOCAL TEXACO MANAGER WHO ADMITTED INCOMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF PROJECTED CUTS.
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